

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

At 6:05 P.M. Chairwoman Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Committee Members Attending:

Deborah Gordon, Chair (C/CAG Member - Town of Woodside)
Tom Kasten, Vice Chair (C/CAG Member - Hillsborough)
Marc Hershman (C/CAG Member - City of Millbrae) arriving at 6:15 PM
Linda Koelling (C/CAG Member - Foster City)
Rosalie O'Mahony (C/CAG Member - City of Burlingame)
Larry Formalejo for Joe Silva (C/CAG Board Member - City of Colma)
Jim Vreeland (C/CAG Board Member - City of Pacifica) arriving at 6:30 PM
Sepi Richardson (C/CAG Board Member - City of Brisbane)

Guests or Staff Attending:

Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director)
Mary McMillan (County of San Mateo, Deputy County Manager)
David Burruto (Senator Leland Yee's Office)
Jim Bigelow (CMEQ Committee)
Duane Bay (County of San Mateo, Director of Housing)
Wes Lujan (Advocation)– in person
Chuck Cole (President of Advocation)– in person
Brian Lee (Deputy Director Engineering and Resource Protection, SMC DPW)
Diana Shu, (C/CAG Staff, SMC DPW)

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Approval of minutes from December 14, 2006.

Quorum: minimum 5 voting members present

Motion:

Tom Kasten moved to approve the revised minutes as shown.

Rosalie O'Mahony seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

3. Review of Reference Check on Federal Lobbyist MARC Associates

- a. Mary McMillan discussed areas in which the county and SamTrans used a federal lobbyist. In particular, the county uses MARC associates to help them with earmarks for special projects such as the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Interpretive Center. MARC Associates are very responsive and knowledgeable about local issues.
- b. If C/CAG is interested, Mary is going to the NACO¹ conference the second week in March and would like to invite someone from CCAG to join her.
- c. Mary offered CCAG an opportunity to follow MARC Associates on a particular project of interest to CCAG with her.
- d. **Action Item: Richard Napier to follow up with Mary to determine how CCAG could work with the county and MARC at the federal level.**

4. Proposed amendments to Health and Safety Code, Revenue Tax Code, and Government Code

- a. Mary McMillan requested support from C/CAG for four bills:
 - i. Permanent source of funds for housing trust funds
 - ii. Payroll tax on entities doing business in the County of San Mateo
 - iii. Allow the transfer of housing funds to a joint powers authority to achieve pooling of funds for the purpose of providing funds for affordable housing.
 - iv. Recording fee on every real estate instrument, paper or notice that is required by law. Fee would be \$5 per sheet. Used by Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.
- b. **Action Item: Mary McMillan to provide updates to committee as bills moves through legislation.**

5. Briefing from C/CAG's Lobbyist in Sacramento (Presentation)

- a. Wes Luhan and Chuck Cole reported on the Governor's Proposed 2007-08 Budget²:
 - i. State view of Prop 1A
 - 1. State views city and county revenue increasing by 81% due to the passing of Prop 1A and 1B whereas the state revenue only increased by 31%.³
 - ii. Big Picture issues – State Deficit spending increase from 3% to almost 6%
 - 1. State budget debt reduction.
 - a. Use bond revenues and a portion of general funds to pay down interest payments for bonds.
 - 2. Underground economy
 - a. State is considering revenue sources from previously unreported occupations: gardeners, house work, other in home services

¹<http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Legislative&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=78&ContentID=18721>

² <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/BudgetSummary/SUM/1249561.html>

³ <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/pdf/BudgetSummary/BudgetHighlights.pdf>

- b. AVA language
 - i. CCAG is working with CHP to resolve questions about the AVA fund.
 - ii. Need to look into how funds are dispersed by local authorities throughout the state.
 - iii. CHP is very interested in recapturing a lost revenue source that it once controlled.
 - c. Reauthorization of AB 1546
 - i. Should be seeing a new bill number for AB1546 to reauthorize the \$4 per vehicle fee for SMC to address stormwater and congestion related issues.
 - ii. Reported that Curt Augustine, Deputy Secretary of Legislation, thought that the bill had a good chance to be reauthorized as it demonstrated good fiscal control.
 - iii. Senator Simitian would move the bill forward. Bill does not need to go to the budget committee. C/CAG has the support of the local delegates who have submitted letters of support to reauthorize this bill.
 - iv. **Action: Wes Lujan will forward new bill number to CCAG Staff. Will guide CCAG staff on next steps to reauthorize bill.**
- 6. **Review and approval of C/CAG Legislative Positions and Legislative Update**
 - a. Committee recommends that Staff monitor new legislation against C/CAG priorities in order to establish legislative priorities during this session.
 - b. **Action: Diana Shu to monitor newly introduced legislation**
- 7. **Legislative Scorecard 2003-2004 and 2005-2006**
 - a. Reviewed 2003-04 and 2005-06. Overall scores only show the number of votes on a particular bill. However, scorecards do not really reflect why our delegation voted for or against C/CAG's position on a particular bill. Therefore, the Committee recommends monitoring our delegation's vote during this legislative session to determine if there are certain bills that require further discussion.
 - b. **Action: Diana Shu to monitor votes on issues that oppose CCAG's current positions.**
- 8. **Review and approval of C/CAG Legislative Positions on AB 23 and AB 101**
 - a. Assembly person Fiona Ma has sponsored AB 23 and AB 101 and is currently seeking support from C/CAG
 - b. AB 23 will require installation of audible crosswalk signals on State Highway intersections that are within 2000 feet of a school or senior center.
 - i. The county has several intersections that fall under this category. The committee would consider a bill of this nature pending further language about implementation and funding source.
 - c. AB 101 will require posting of information regarding the closure of state highways during winter months.
 - i. The county could be impacted along Hwy 84 and Hwy 1 during rainy seasons. The committee would consider a bill of this nature pending further language about implementation and funding source.
 - d. **Action: Diana Shu to monitor bill as it evolves.**

- 9. Establish date and time for next meeting.**
 - a. March 8, 2007 at 5:00 PM Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.
- 10. Other Items/Comments from Guests**
 - a. David Burruto (Senator Leland Yee's Office)
 - b. Senator Yee is the new Assistant Pro Tempore
- 11. Adjournment**
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 P.M